

I. Amendments to the Specification

Kindly amend Page 1, before line 1, by adding the following new paragraph:

This application is a national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/JP04/04435, filed March 29, 2004, (designating the U.S.; and which published in Japanese in WO 2004/088404 on October 14, 2004), which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-094036, filed March 31, 2003 and 2003-178980, filed June 24, 2003, the entire contents of both applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

Kindly amend paragraph [0015] beginning on page 5, as follows:

[0015] Consequently, the present invention has been created to solve the problems existing in conventional art, and ~~one~~ the object of the present invention is to provide a liquid crystal display device where wiring of lead wires is made easy and reduction of size and slimness are achieved. ~~Another object of the present invention is to provide a liquid crystal display device where~~ while at the same time, connection to a connector is ~~also~~ facilitated.

Kindly amend paragraph [0017] beginning on page 5, as follows:

[0017] Specifically, the liquid crystal display according to the present invention is a liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal panel and an illumination unit for illuminating

the liquid crystal display panel, in which the illumination unit includes a substantially wedge-shaped light-guiding plate having a backside being inclined so as to be thinner from one side edge to the other side edge, a linear light source disposed along a thicker plate surface at one side edge of the light-guiding plate, lead wires severally connected to both ends of the linear light source, and a housing for housing the members, whereby a groove is formed on the bottom wall of the housing such that a gap is created between the backside of the light-guiding plate and the bottom wall at a certain area portion of the light-guiding plate ~~where the light-guiding plate is thinnest in width~~ wherein the plate is the least thick, with a part of the lead wires residing in the gap and being arranged along the other side edge of the light-guiding plate, and made to extend to the outside from the backside of the housing.